

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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ASDB Tucson Campus

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Building, Rooms 161/162

1200 W. Speedway, Tucson, Arizona

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President, Dr. Bernhardt Jones, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10 p.m. and conducted roll call.

Members Present: Bernhardt Jones, Sherri Collins, Jodi Jerich, Orlenda Roberts, Ray Mungaray, Clifford Rowley; Kacey Gregson (connected via speakerphone @ approximately 4:32 p.m.)

Others Present: Robert Hill, Superintendent; Gloria Nichols, State Land Department (connected via speakerphone @ 4:34 p.m. and disconnected @ 4:47 p.m.)

Members Absent: Michael Williams

II. President's Report

Bernhardt Jones briefly expressed his view that it is the Board's role to empower and provide support to the students, staff, and schools. Dr. Jones mentioned he had an opportunity to attend an ASDB High School function and enjoyed watching the induction of two students into the National Honor Society.

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Board President Jones called for public comment but there was none.

To accommodate student speakers, Board President Jones rearranged the agenda to move directly to agenda item VI.F., Special Report - Braille Olympics.

Following agenda item VI.F. and at the request of Superintendent Hill, Board President Jones moved to agenda item IV. A., Approval of State Land Right of Way Application #14-112934. This was done to accommodate Gloria Nichols, a representative of the State Land Department, who made herself available at 4:30 to answer questions of the Board in the Land matter.

Following agenda item IV.A., Board President Jones then moved to agenda item VI.E., Special Report - Academic Bowl, again to accommodate student speakers.

Following agenda item VI.C., Board President Jones returned to agenda item IV.B. to proceed with the regular order of the agenda.

IV. Business Agenda Items

Kacey Gregson connected via speakerphone at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Gloria Nichols connected via speakerphone at approximately 4:34 p.m.

A. Approval of State Land Right-of-Way Application #14-112934 for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

Spoke to the Issue: Bernhardt Jones, Superintendent Hill, Gloria Nichols, Jodi Jerich, Sherri Collins, Ray Mungaray.

Orlenda Roberts disclosed her position as County Superintendent (Pinal) to explain her limited comment in the matter.

Discussion Highlights: Overview and purpose of applicant's lease request; beneficiaries are Arizona State Hospital and ASDB; ASDB's portion of total estimated value of \$16,722 unknown; lease is to make legal the applicant's trespass; penalties/fines have been assessed to applicant; estimated value does not include penalties; penalties unknown but are a percentage based on years the line was illegally installed; where penalties go is unknown; value of land was greater when trespass occurred; what happens if Board rejects application for right-of-way is unknown.

Gloria Nichols disconnected from the meeting at approximately 4:47 p.m.

It was moved by Kacey Gregson, and seconded by Ray Mungaray, to approve the proposed Right of Way Application #14-112934.

A substitute motion was made by Jodi Jerich, seconded by Sherri Collins, and carried with a vote of 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Orlenda Roberts) that the Board of Directors defers this matter until the Board gets a report from the State Land Department about the 2010 appraisal and where the penalty money is going.

- B. Approval to Redirect Unspent Trust Funds to Schools for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

Superintendent Hill explained that when trust funds are requested, they are requested on estimated costs. Unspent and unused trust funds are totaled for either return to Trust Fund or to reallocate for other needs.

It was moved by Sherri Collins, seconded by Cliff Rowley, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approves a redirection of \$18,120 in unspent Trust Funds as recommended by the Superintendent.

Program	Short Description	Amount Requested	Nature of Request
Literacy Camp	Literacy, Sports, Fine Arts, Technology	\$10,000	Literacy
ASB & ASD Cheer Program	Uniforms	\$500	Athletics
PDSD Cheer Program	Uniforms	\$500	Athletics
High School Track Program	Uniforms	\$3,120	Athletics
ASD Volleyball Program	Uniforms	\$1,500	Athletics
PDSD Volleyball Program	Uniforms	\$1,500	Athletics
ASB Goal Ball Program	Uniforms	\$1,000	Athletics
TOTAL		\$18,120	

- C. Superintendent's Intent to Issue Employment Contract for Eastern Highlands Regional Cooperative Director for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

Spoke to the Issue: Robert Hill, Jodi Jerich, Ray Mungaray, Sherri Collins

Discussion: The issuance of this contract was for a new hire; issuance of contracts last meeting was for renewing currently contracted employees; the benefit of having a summary of the candidate's background and experience, the caliber of previous positions of the candidate.

It was moved by Ray Mungaray, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approve the issuance of a contract to Mr. William Koehler, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

D. Second Reading of Section G Policy Revisions for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

Spoke to the Issue: Robert Hill, Clifford Rowley

Discussion: Substance of revisions.

It was moved by Clifford Rowley, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors rescinds the following policies dated 8-25-94 and adopts revisions as recommended by the Superintendent effective 4-14-11:

***GCC, Prof/Support Staff Absent Without Approved Leave
GCCB, Prof/Support Staff Personal/Emergency/Religious Leave
GCCD, Prof/Support Staff Military/Legal Leave
GCCE, Prof/Support Staff Conferences/Visitations Workshops***

V. Consent Agenda for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

- A. Approval of February 10, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. FY 2011 Third Quarter Personnel New Hire and Turnover Transaction Reports
- C. Award of Lucille S. Morrison Scholarships to ASD Graduate Samantha Moore and PDS Graduate Thomas Carson

The Board of Directors awards 2011 ASD graduate Ms. Samantha Moore and PDS graduate Thomas Carson as recipients of a \$1,000.00 Lucille S. Morrison Scholarship.

- D. Approval of Contracts and/or Agreements with Higley Unified District, Stories That soar, IONS Tucson, Global Community Communications Alliance, Chamber Music Plus, American Theatre Arts for Youth, In Concert, Rhythm and Roots, Arizona rose Theatre Company, Invisible Theatre, India Society of Southern Arizona, Southgate Academy High School, Centre Stage Dance Studio, Tucson Women's Chorus, Congregation Chaverim, Tucson women's Chorus, Mark Davis, American Theatre Arts for Youth, Dance Force-1, Pima Prevention Partnership, DanCade Entertainment, Chamber Music Plus.
- E. Approval of Donations Valley of the Sun United Way, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation, Midtown Sertoma Club of Tucson, Arizona Blind and Deaf Children Foundation:
 - 1. Acceptance of \$709.93 from Valley of the Sun United Way to be used solely for the Phoenix Day School for the Deaf programs.
 - 2. Acceptance of \$800.00 from Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation to be used solely for Jr. Blind Olympics.
 - 3. Acceptance of \$3,000.00 from Midtown Sertoma Club of Tucson to be used solely for Athletics at the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind in Tucson.
 - 4. Acceptance of \$2,659.80 from the Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation to be used solely for:

\$500.00 – Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, Battle of the Books.
\$459.80 – Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, SmartBoard software for a Preschool classroom.
\$200.00 – Arizona School for the Deaf and the Arizona School for the Blind Sentinel Swing/Tennis Fund; used for Athletics.
\$500.00 – Tucson Campus, Stories That Soar, a literacy and performing arts program.
\$500.00 – Arizona School for the Blind Senior Class Trip 2011.
\$500.00 – Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Jr. Blind Olympics.

It was moved by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approve Consent Agenda Items A., B., C., D., and E.

VI. Superintendent's Report for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action – (Exhibit 7)

A. Summary of Current Events

Superintendent Hill summarized the following: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nancy Amann has been instrumental in the quality of strategic planning dialog with staff, and soon the dialog will reach out to public and Board members; camps that may be on the Tucson campus during the summer months; implementation of advance placement programs on both campus; update of organizational charts based restructure resulting from elimination of positions due to budget impact; Birth to 3 program changes; and upcoming activities

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Noted.

C. Financial Update

Spoke to the Issue: Superintendent Hill, Sherri Collins; Ray Mungaray, Bernhardt Jones,

Discussion: Reviewing ASDB budget in light of budget cuts released by Governor's budget office; legislatively proposed cuts to the Cooperatives will not occur; ASDB's plans to still move forward with programs that best serve students and enhance ASDB as a resource; reaching out and working with others; loss of funding due to decline in enrollment; voucher funding mechanism issues; birth to three and preschool program improvements; appointment of a Finance Committee will be made at the June meeting.

Jodi Jerrich left the meeting at approximately 5:36 p.m. and returned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

D. Legislative Update - HB 2235 and A.R.S. 41-3013.03

Spoke to the Matter: Robert Hill; Bernhardt Jones

Discussion: HB2235 will not move forward this year; appointment of a legislative committee will be made at the June Board meeting.

E. Special Report – Academic Bowl

Superintendent Hill introduced Maureen Mazza who explained that 1 of 4 students went to Washington D.C. for the Academic bowl but only one student was available to provide a

report to the Board. The other three students were at a track meet. Ms. Mazza introduced Samantha Moore, a senior in the School for the Deaf.

Ms. Moore used a power point presentation to provide an overview of: The Academic Bowl hosted at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.; the ASDB four-member team and two coaches; the actual competition involving match rounds; and how the ASDB team performed making it to the top 20 out of 78 teams. Ms. Moore explained the team learned a lot by practicing with different teams using the videophone, from the kinds of questions that were asked during the competition, and from the many students they met at the competition. She characterized the trip and competition as a wonderful experience and thanked the Board for their approval of the trip and financial support.

Dr. Nancy Amann, Assistant Superintendent, reported that PDSB students also participated in the event. She explained the hurdles the students had to overcome, and was proud they did so well in spite of the obstacles. Dr. Amann explained that Ms. Mazza was extremely helpful to the Tucson team because of her 15 year involvement with the Academic Bowl and knowledge of the strategies and systems which helped students to develop a lot of different skills to be successful in this competition. Dr. Amann made the observation that there was more success from teams from Deaf schools vs. teams from public schools.

F. Special Report – Braille Olympics

Superintendent Hill introduced Ken Ball, Teacher in the School for the Blind (ASB), who first introduced student speakers:

Christian Able, Middle School student, informed the Board this was the 3rd time he has participated in the Junior Braille Olympics. He won a silver medal in rowing and bronze medal in running long jump. He enjoys the Braille Olympics because it is so much fun. He and other students get to compete in Olympic sports that sighted people get to compete in

Armando Cruz, Middle School student, informed the Board this was the 2nd year he has participated in the Junior Blind Olympics. He competed in all events except shotput and won a gold medal in rowing. He said he wants to do this again because it was fun.

Chris Escarrega, High School student, informed the Board this was the 10th year he has participated in the Junior Blind Olympics. He said he won a gold medal for archery. He is planning on attending next year if they get to go again. He always wants to go back because it is so energizing and he gets to see old friends and make new friends. Nothing is impossible for deaf or blind individuals.

Ken Ball explained the Braille Olympics is now called the Junior Blind Olympics. He reported that 54 ASDB students went to the Junior Braille Olympics including students from North Central, Eastern Highlands, and Southwest Regional Cooperatives. The chaperones and students all met at a designated point and traveled to Los Angeles together. He showed a slide presentation of their trip that included visits to Six Flags, the beach, and an aquarium while in Los Angeles. He reviewed the costs of the trip and how funds were acquired, including the trust funds approved by the Board.

Spoke to the Matter: Bernhardt Jones, Robert Hill

G. Approved Technology Plan for E-Rate and EETT Title II-D

Superintendent Hill noted that while E-Rates have not been pursued in past years, it is his commitment to pursue E-rate funding now.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Sherri Collins, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.